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## Fire Near Theatre

Three engines were sent by the Fire Brigade at 5.45 o'clock this morning in answer to a fire call at No. 18 Chung San Lane, East. On arrival they found a quantity of Chinese medicine ablaze but the flames were extinguished after approximately 20 minutes.

The premises were occupied by a Chinese medicine shop and are situated near the Ko Shing Theatre. Apparently employees were in the process of boiling some medicine on an open grate within the shop when the mass burst into flames.

There were no casualties and the premises escaped major damage. Some of the medicinal stocks were destroyed.

## SHIP FIRE DRAMA: ONE DEAD

Hamilton, Bermuda,

Dec. 28.

One crew member was suffocated and a dozen crew members and American volunteers were overcome by smoke while fighting a fire in the hold of the Swedish freighter Thai today.

The ship, en route to Bombay from Houston, Texas, with a load of maize, caught fire early today and made it to St George's Harbour.

The second officer, Lallip, 32, of Sweden, was suffocated when he was trapped in the hold by two pieces of fallen timber. He was pronounced dead on arrival at King Edward Hospital.

(The Coast Guard in New York announced that it had despatched a plane with rescue equipment from Elizabeth City, North Carolina, including six asbestos suits. Officials said the plane should reach the scene at about 8.30 p.m.; according to the Coast Guard's information, the fire was well out of control and the equipment was requested to fight a blaze between the decks of the ship, which is moored in the harbour.)

Falkkoo was taken from the hold after about one hour's rescue efforts. He and two Kindley firemen, wearing smoke masks, had entered the hold from the engine room to investigate the fire. The firemen were able to get back to the door of the hold, where they collapsed and were hauled to safety.—Associated Press.

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### We Are Doing Our Part

THERE seems to be a tendency on the part of our friends in the United States and elsewhere to forget that control of exports of strategic materials is being exercised in Hongkong according to the wishes and instructions of the Imperial Government. The local authorities are very conscious of their responsibilities in this direction and it is but a further point in favour of embargoes against Hongkong being at least partially lifted. We believe, too, that much of the criticism levelled against Hongkong is based on misconceptions. The interpretation of what is or what is not strategic material varies from country to country and person to person, and because of this the Hongkong Government has accepted the advice of the British Government on what should be considered strategic materials from the point of being a prohibited export. The Colony's critics of Hongkong as being the one important gap through which Communist China can obtain vital materials point to our mounting trade figures as proof positive; but they are apt to forget that these trade returns are stated in terms of value and the fact that prices have steadily increased since the outbreak of the Korean war is only too well known. It has to be admitted, of course, that it is difficult to apply physical control of the movement of goods in Hongkong, partly owing to its peculiar terrain, partly because of the Chinese adeptness at smuggling. Nevertheless, the export prohibitions which have been applied during recent months are being effectively carried out and altogether some 300 items, including raw and munition-making

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## After The Retreat



Saigon, December 28. Vietminh shock troops drove the French from two posts in the Chau Son-Moncay defense line below the Chinese frontier today and attacked again in a mountainous salient near Hanoi.

A French military spokesman said the long awaited big new offensive by the Communists led Vietminh rebels may have begun. The next 24 hours should tell.

Chau Son itself was given up by the French, again shrinking by several miles a line they established after they were hammered from most of their frontier fortresses in the autumn. Chau Son lies about 10 miles northwest of a pivotal position at Tienyen, the base of a "V" whose right arm leads to Moncay, on the Gulf of Tonkin. Casualties in the withdrawal were said to have been light.

**OUTNUMBERED**

Between Tienyen and Moncay, waves of Vietminh troops fell upon the outnumbered French garrison of Binhlieu and forced it out after a hard battle. A French communiqué said most of the garrison escaped and joined a relief column. The relief column reoccupied Binhlieu briefly and then retired itself. Vietminh losses were described as heavy.

French shipping sources in Singapore said all French women and children in Indo-China are to be evacuated soon on the advice of military authorities there and a half dozen ships, including the 10,000-ton luxury liner Le Conte de Lisle, will be used in the movement. A French government spokesman in Paris, however, said "nothing is known here" of such a plan.

Army men say the issue in North Indo-China will be decided in the Hanoi-Haiphong delta area, already under Vietminh siege, and not on the frontier line to the North.—Associated Press.

## Rain-Making Project

Washington, Dec. 28.

The United States may pay \$15,000 to make rain in Greece.

The ECA said Thursday it is studying a request for that amount to pay for the rain project.

The ECA said that no decision has yet been made, but an American company is going ahead with plans because the weather is now very favourable for such a project.—Associated Press.

## Palace Gun Fight: Eight Men Killed

Cairo, Dec. 28.

Eight Nationalist Party members were killed and five members of the Palace Guard wounded in a gun battle in the palace of the Sultan of Quaiti, state of Mukalla in the southern part of Saudi Arabia, the Arab News Agency said Thursday.

The British-owned ANA said that the trouble started during the absence from his country of Sultan Sir Salib of Quaiti.

The Nationalist Party was reported to have made certain demands which the Sultan received on his return Wednesday.

The trouble in this protectorate came three days after the attempt on the life of Major B. W. Seager, British Agent for the Western Aden protectorate. Seager was stabbed in the chest and shoulder allegedly by a former Arab magistrate and flown to Aden for medical treatment.

The Sultan is the leading chief of the Eastern Aden protectorate. Chiefs and tribal leaders in this area have protective treaty relationships with Britain.—Associated Press.

## STOP PRESS

### Chinese Launch Attack

#### Overrun 3 Towns Below The 38th

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

Chinese troops poured into South Korea today and attacked the Imjin river defence line above Seoul, overrunning three key towns below the border, with one only 28 miles from the capital.

The Communist invaders inched forward under blistering air attacks for a showdown with the United States Eighth Army dug in along the Imjin for the defence of Seoul.

In some sectors only the narrow sluggish river separated the two armies poised for battle. The enemy advance engulfed Kaesong, big rail and highway hub near the coast northwest of Seoul; Chujon, a few miles to the east; and Korangpo on the bank of the Imjin 20 miles north of Seoul and 10 miles east of Kaesong.

The Communist occupation of Kaesong, the first big South Korean town to fall to the Chinese in their advance toward the river barrier, was unopposed ground. But swarms of Allied planes ripped into the enemy masses in and around the town and all along the 38th parallel.

#### Dalai Lama Flees

Calcutta, Dec. 28.

The 17-year-old Tibetan Dalai Lama has left his capital, Lhasa, and was last reported to be at Gyantse, near the Indo-Tibetan border, about 100 miles from Lhasa. The Statesman correspondent at Lhasa, however, reported tonight that

## "UN Forces" Only Title Now

### British To Lose Identity NEW KOREA ORDER

By SELKIRK PANTON

TOKYO, Dec. 29. The word "British" will not be heard any more in reports of the fighting from the Korean battle front. Soldiers from the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, now expecting a Red onslaught at any moment, will in future fight under a cloak of anonymity. So will all other soldiers who have come from the corners of the five continents to battle for the United Nations principles.

Tough Lt.-Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, new commander of the United States 8th Army and as such Commander in Chief of all United Nations forces in Korea, decreed this in an order which reached Tokyo at 12.30 this morning.

Fifty-five-year-old Lt.-Gen. Ridgway, who dropped with his men during the Normandy landing, banned the use of any national term in referring to men under his command. It is expected that even the use of the term "8th Army" may be banned.

Then only "United Nations forces" will be permitted in reports from the front.

**TOKYO SURPRISED**

Unofficial news of the order came as a surprise to Tokyo from Gen. Ridgway's Korean Headquarters.

The reason for it is not clear as the Chinese and North Korean Red leaders already know roughly, if not exactly, the dispositions of the United Nations forces awaiting their attack. And any reshuffling of units along the 140 mile defence line across the peninsula is very unlikely under the threat of a massed attack by the enemy Reds.

It is possible that the order may be amended to permit the tag "Somewhere in Korea." Then people back home in 12 different countries now represented at the front might be able to hear how their men are faring in Korea.

Even American relatives of the men in the United States 10th Corps who escaped at Christmas from the Chinese trap at Hungnam Beachhead will hear no news of them in the front line despatches in future. For the 10th Corps has been swallowed up by the 8th Army and it too will be nameless.

The fury of excitement in Tokyo over Gen. Ridgway's order was preceded by the daily "Wolf, wolf" cry from the front that the long expected Red offensive had been launched.

A report claimed that the Chinese Reds had crossed the 38th Parallel "in force" to invade South Korea. But the 8th Army Headquarters said, "Nothing was known here."

**BUILD-UP REVEALED**

Gen. MacArthur, in his nightly communiqué, stated that the Chinese Communist 4th Army of 19 divisions would not be ready for all-out offensive until the first ten days of the New Year, though "limited attacks in lesser strength could be launched at any time."

The Supreme Commander's Intelligence Staff today opened the formerly top-secret war map files to reveal the Chinese Reds' build-up for their offensive.

The figures show that two days ago the Chinese Communist forces in Korea numbered 277,000 with over a million more poised at the Yalu River border with Manchuria or on the way there for the drive southwards.

With over 100,000 North Korean troops this would give the Red Armies in Korea an advantage of roughly two to one over the United Nations forces in the coming struggle.—London Express Service.

**It's the Talk  
of the Town—**

### POLICE ALLEGED MAN CONFESSES MURDER

New York, Dec. 28.

Police alleged Thursday that after a night of questioning, a Swedish-born apple-picker broke down and admitted that he strangled Evelyn (Yvonne) Hughes, the former Ziegfeld Follies star, who was found dead in a New York hotel.

Police quoted the man, Birger Nordkvist, as saying that he "blew his top" (lost his temper) when the woman resisted his advances in his Manhattan hotel room.

"I remember taking my handkerchief, putting it around her neck and pulling it tight," he was reported as saying.

"I remember putting a scarf in her mouth."—Associated Press.

### Tito Warms His People

### Cominform Plotting To "Swallow" Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Dec. 28.

Premier Marshal Tito told the Yugoslav Parliament and people tonight that the Soviet Union and its Cominform satellites are plotting to "swallow" this country.

Marshal Tito declared that Yugoslavia's borders were directly menaced by armies totalling around 660,000 men in neighbouring Cominform states. He appealed to the people of these countries to make their leaders "abandon your threats of war and return to the past of friendly co-operation."

He declared that armed defence against this threat of aggression demanded great sacrifices from all the people.

**ANTI-APPEAL**

"We want peace," Premier Tito asserted, "but we do not want peace at any price because that means enslavement."

Tito declared against appeasement that "no Munich settlement ever brought real peace but only enslavement of the weak by the strong."

Premier Tito addressed the Yugoslav Parliament as it took up consideration of the 1951 budget, which proposes a record military spending. The projected defence appropriation, \$229,100,000, is 16.9 percent of the total national budget.

The Yugoslav Commander-in-Chief declared that these increased defence appropriations were necessary because of the war preparations of Yugoslavia's Soviet-led Cominform neighbours.

He accused these countries—chiefly Rumania and Hungary—of maintaining "border" armies of more than 660,000 men in gross violation of their peace treaties.

Tito's address was the fifth major speech by a Yugoslav leader in the last week warning the nation that it must be vigilant and ready to defend itself in a world threatened by a new general war.

**TAKING GRAVE VIEW**

Tito's decision to deliver the defence budget speech himself emphasised the grave view Yugoslav leaders take of the present world situation. In past

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At the conclusion of his speech, Tito criticised the world's great powers—Capitalist as well as Communist—for having "wasted valuable time in fruitless quarrels since the war." He urged the whole world to get together and work sincerely for a real peace, saying that this would be Yugoslavia's course.—Associated Press

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Rangoon, Dec. 28.

Fourteen Vice-Chancellors of Indian Universities arrived here today for a three-day inter-University Board meeting, beginning tomorrow.

Among them is Sri Mita Hansa Mehta, the Vice-Chancellor of Baroda University.

Representatives of Pakistan universities are not attending.

The Burmese Minister of Education, U. Trai Aung, will preside at tomorrow's inaugural session.—Reuter.

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Varsity Meeting

Rangoon, Dec. 28.

The Premier said that under Russian direction the East European satellite countries have created large illegal armies. He said that Hungary had an army of 165,000 men instead of the 70,000 allowed by its peace treaty. Rumania, he said, had 300,000 men under arms, while Bulgaria had raised its forces to 195,000 or roughly three times what its peace treaty permits.

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A Hard Winter:  
Position Grave**

Belgrade, Dec. 28. The Yugoslav people are facing the prospect of real hardship this winter, with the possibility of some starvation in remote mountain districts, as a result of a disastrous harvest.

Its worst consequences may, however, still be averted if Marshal Tito's current efforts to conserve food and animal feed at home and purchase further supplies in America are fully successful.

Diplomatic circles here believe that if the food situation were allowed to get out of hand, it might have serious political repercussions on Marshal Tito's regime, which would play into the hands of the Cominform.

**Archbishop's  
Support Of  
Bomb's Use**

London, Dec. 28. Britain's second-ranking prelate said today that the Western powers would be justified in using the atomic bomb in a final attempt to save Western civilisation from unprovoked aggression.

But, he added, the use of the bomb in the Korean war, even if the United Nations forces were defeated, would "outrage the conscience."

Dr Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, said in a letter to his Diocese that an attempt should be made at the earliest possible moment and at the highest level to reach agreement in Asia. There could be no peace in the world without such an effort.

Dr Garbett said the necessity of a good understanding with China was of paramount importance.

The use of the atomic bomb against China's armies would "outrage the conscience of our nation. A defeat of the United Nations forces may be remedied, but victory through use of the atom bomb would never be forgotten or forgiven, and would result in an irreparable breach."

Use of the bomb could only be justified as a final attempt to save Western civilisation from catastrophic ruin by unprovoked aggression.

Dr Garbett is the first high-ranking church official in Europe to voice qualified support for the use of the atomic bomb.—United Press.

**HEALING OF  
U.S.-SPAIN  
RELATIONS**

Washington, Dec. 28. End of the five-year United States boycott went a long way to align Spain with other Western nations in the fight against Communism.

Some military men hoped Spain eventually would come in as a full partner in the North Atlantic Pact. They also hoped the government of Francisco Franco might be strengthened by Marshall Plan funds or through the arms aid programme.

But for the present they are interested primarily in Spain's army and its remarkable strategic position in Europe. Protected on the north by the Pyrenees mountains, Spain could provide bases for aircraft to range over Europe, Africa and the Atlantic and Mediterranean Oceans.

The United States and Spain named two men whose job will be to heal a festering sore between the two nations—Mr Stanton Griffis, American investment banker and corporation officer, and former Spanish Foreign Minister, Senator Jose Felix Lequerica.—United Press.

A prolonged drought lasting from the middle of May until October following a winter in which there was very little snow or rain has resulted in one of the worst harvests in living memory.

The latest informed estimates give the following harvest deficiencies: wheat 600,000 tons, or 25 per cent below the average harvest; maize 1,125,000 tons down or 35 per cent; potatoes 700,000 tons down or 40 per cent; sugar beet 300,000 tons or 39 per cent down; vegetables 40 to 50 per cent down.

The blow is all the harder since it comes at a time when the Government has been doing everything possible to increase food production in order to feed an urban population which has increased by nearly one million since the war as a result of the five-year Industrialisation plan.

## FOOD RELIEF

Marshal Tito's measures to meet the present emergency include an approach to the United States for food relief, ration cuts, the slaughter of cattle and the distribution of food from surplus areas to the districts most affected by drought.

Yugoslav representatives in Washington are already negotiating with the State Department on the possibility of purchasing food surpluses in America. The snag is how to pay for them.

The drought has cost this country an estimated figure of £33,400,000 worth of foodstuffs but her present dollar holdings are believed to not exceed \$20,000,000 (£7,000,000), most of which has already been earmarked for capital equipment purchases.

The Yugoslavs have already asked the United States Government for \$105 million with which to buy foodstuffs in America and for permission to manipulate the existing dollar credits for the same purposes.

With the expectation that the Yugoslav food stocks will be near rock bottom after next February, it is considered here to be imperative that relief shipments should begin as soon as possible.—Reuter.

Peking Industry  
Plans Completed

San Francisco, Dec. 28. Peking Radio reported tonight that industrial enterprises in Central-South China had completed their plans for 1950.

Plants under the Central-South China Industrial Department's control had, by the middle of December, surpassed their targets in such products as non-ferrous metals, cement and electric appliances.

At the end of November the output of tin for 1950 had been surpassed by 30 percent, the radio said.—Reuter.

## Unemployment Aid

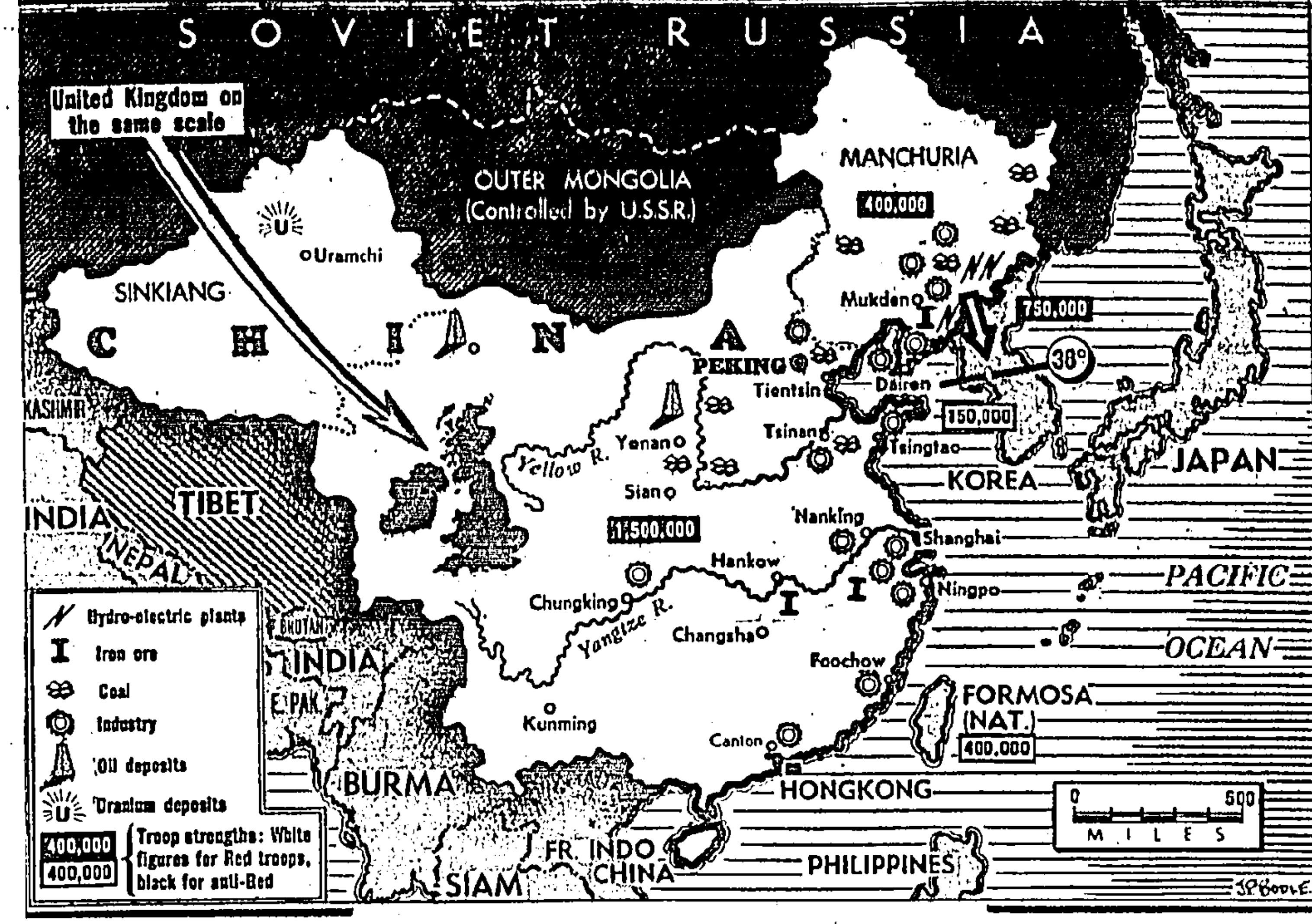
Canberra, Dec. 28. At the end of October, only 461 Australians—100 of them women—were drawing unemployment benefits, the Commonwealth Statistician announced.

He added that the Commonwealth Employment Service had vacancies for 124,500, most of them in manufacturing industries.—Reuter.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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**CHINA THE COLOSSUS—A WORLD POWER IN THE MAKING****Leader Mao Tse-tung has five big problems on his mind**

Military Reporter ROBERT JESSEL

China's promotion to the status of a Great Power arises more from the collapse of Japan and Germany than any real increase in her peace or war potential.

She remains a primitive, overpopulated, under-developed country which has been torn by war since 1931. But she has all the natural resources to become a colossus—given 50 years of peace.

China has five big problems on his mind:

1. With 4,000 miles of coastline, China has no adequate navy to defend her vital sea outlets—Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, Tsin-tao, Tientsin.

2. Her main workshop and arsenal area, in Manchuria, is an easy target for enemy bombers.

3. China must look to foreign countries for technical help and industrial resources. It is improbable that Russia could provide this help or that Mao would want to put Soviet technicians in key positions throughout China.

4. The whole of South-East Asia will fall into Red hands within the next ten years WITHOUT open general war. He wants to be in a position to transport and use its petroleum, rubber, sugar, aluminium, manganese, and iron ore. If general war comes now, this will be impossible.

London Express Service

**Mr. Yoshida's  
Views On Jap  
Defence Issue**

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The Japanese people should defend their country with their own hands but should adopt means other than that of raising a military force, declared Mr Shigeru Yoshida, the Japanese Prime Minister today at his last press conference of the year.

The Prime Minister said that neither the Japanese people nor political parties should discuss the question of rearmament.

He recalled that Japan had suffered heavily, both domestically and internationally, in the past because of excessive militarisation.

The Japanese leader described the present state of world affairs as a "war of nerves" but expressed the belief that a third world war would not come for some time.

Although Mr Yoshida rejected the raising of an army as a method of self-defence, he did not indicate what other course there was for Japan to defend herself with her own hands.

He said that it was a problem for further study.—Reuter.

## Miners Entombed

Manila, Dec. 29. A Press report from the town of General MacArthur in Samar Province said 10 miners were entombed in a pit of the Samar Mining Company due to a landslide.

Two bodies were recovered, but the fate of the eight other miners was still unknown.—United Press.

## MP A REFUGEE

Seoul, Dec. 28.

South Korean police said today that they had discovered a member of the North Korean Assembly hiding among refugees who had just crossed the 38th Parallel.

He was Pyongsoo Kit, former president of a medical college. They said that they were questioning him, but he had refused to say why he had joined the refugees.—Reuter.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

**America To Continue  
Jap Treaty Efforts**

Washington, Dec. 28.

The United States served notice on Russia today that it intends to push forward with its efforts for a Japanese peace treaty with or without Soviet participation.

The United States position was spelled out in a note handed to the Russian United Nations delegate, Mr Jacob Malik, in New York today. It rejected a Soviet protest received here on Nov. 20.

The Soviet note had indirectly accused the United States of planning to sign a separate peace treaty with Japan and of seeking permanent United States military bases in Japan. It said that both moves were contrary to the Potsdam Agreement.

In reply, the United States note said that world peace and security envisaged at Potsdam has not been achieved and "irresponsible militarism had not been driven from the world." It said it is only reasonable for Japan to participate with the United States and other nations for individual and collective defence. However, arrangements could increase provisions for stationing in Japan of troops of the United States and other nations.

On the question of a separate peace treaty, the note said: "The United States hopes all nations which fought against Japan—including Russia—will help write a treaty." But it added that the "United States does not concede that any one nation has the perpetual power to veto a conclusion by others of peace with Japan."

The United States note brushed aside Russia's suggestion that the treaty be written primarily by the United States, Britain, Britain and Communist China. The United States comment was that the United States does not recognise the Chinese Communist regime as a government.

THE TRUSTEESHIP BUD

Other points in the United States reply include: 1. The United States will seek a peace treaty that does not limit Japan's peacetime economy and which gives Japan full access to sources of raw material and to participation in world trade.

2. The United States will seek a strategic United Nations trusteeship over the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands formerly held by Japan.

Dog As Payment

Edmonton, Alberta, Dec. 28.

C.B. Freeland's prize Labrador dog ate so much that Mr Freeland could not pay his food bill. When General Foods, Ltd., of Toronto, pressed him for payment, he sent them the dog.—United Press.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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## The Corporal Who Played Cricket During Drill

By J. W. Taylor

The days when refractory NCO's of the Yeomanry were reduced to the ranks by public notice in which words weren't spared are recalled by recently published documents relating to the Northern Regiment of West Riding Yeomanry Cavalry, drawn mainly from Upper Airedale, which was raised as part of a plan for the defence of home shores by auxiliary forces.

The Regiment's first Commanding Officer was Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Lister, afterwards Baron Ribblesdale, of Gisburne Park, who was raised to the peerage for his services to the volunteer movement in 1797. His second-in-command was Major Benjamin Ferrand, of St Ives, Bingley.

A member of the present Ferrand family possesses a document published in 1801 by William Ferrand, of St Ives, as commandant of the 35th York W. R. Volunteer Corps. It is a public notice William caused to be issued to record his "deep regret and indignation at the miserable muster of Saturday last." The notice continues:

"It was our best drill day, beautiful weather within a fortnight of the time fixed by Major Härman for our inspection, and I earnestly requested a full muster. On entering our drill ground we found Corporal Brown amusing himself with playing at cricket, which he continued to do in the presence of the corps while at drill—conduct degrading to him as a soldier, offensive to his brother volunteers and insulting to his Commanding Officer.

"This public insult to our Rifle Corps demands public redress; I therefore reduce him to the ranks."

### SEVERAL OTHERS

Corporal Brown was not the only one to come under the censure. Mr Ferrand, thoroughly warming up, went on to write:

"Several other members of the corps, out of uniform, were idling away their time by leaning over a wall and watching their brother volunteers zealously learning their drill. Should anyone repeat this un-soldierlike conduct, unless he be absent with leave of the commanding officer of the day, or on account of inability to drill, I will instantly publicly dismiss him."

"Were such gross breaches of discipline allowed, the most efficient corps in His Majesty's

in Poland."

army would speedily become no better than a mob."

He concluded with the announcement that in future every member of the corps, with the exception of the chaplain and surgeon, must attend drill once a week; any member setting this order at defiance would have his name struck off the roll.

When an emergency over the threat of invasion arose in 1801, the Regiment was instructed that the uniform, arms and accoutrements of the gentlemen serving in the volunteer corps should ever be kept contiguous to their beds."

## RIGHTS OF CHURCH "VIOLATED"

The "grave oppression by the State under which the Roman Catholic Church in Poland is suffering" is the subject of protest by the International Department of the British Council of Churches.

The Department includes official representatives of the Church of England, Church of Scotland, the Baptist and Congregational Unions, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church of England and the Conference of British Missionary Societies.

It said that it "wishes to express indignation at the sufferings of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, and prayful sympathy with its fellow-Christian members of that Church."

It was clear that "human rights and freedoms, and particularly the legitimate rights of religious communities, churches, priests and religious laymen, have been, and are being, wantonly violated in

## Pre-Christmas Ceremony



Santa Lucia, the Queen of Marts, dressed in white and with nine candles burning on her crown, walked through the hall of London's Swedish Church recently followed by 11 candle-bearing attendants in white.

More than 300 members of the Swedish colony in London watched the traditional Swedish ceremony that heralds Christmas.

Queen of Light this year was fair-haired 24-year-old Majbritt Linquist, from Stockholm, who is seen in photo being crowned by Britta Martinson.

After the ceremony the guests, some in national dress, spent the evening with fun and games in pre-Christmas party.

## HE DETESTED DAMP CLOTHES

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

This is a tale of the early eighteen hundreds, when almost every day saw some new and fascinating development in industrial technique.

London.

Foremost among the tangible signs of progress were the huge new gas-holders springing up around Britain's expanding manufacturing towns, unsightly installations admittedly, but tribute to the genius of Scottish-bred William Murdoch, the man who pioneered the commercial use of gas as a source of light and heat.

One of the largest gasworks was built on the outskirts of Glasgow, a plant which proved an understandable magnet to a certain young chemist who had already won wide respect over his processes for treating woolen and cotton yarn. He was especially intrigued by the great heap of waste materials—a black, treacly mass—which daily accumulated in a corner of the gasworks' yard.

Eventually his curiosity—and his business acumen—prompted him to offer to remove the stuff if he could have it free.

The equally shrewd gasworks manager stipulated that, if he took one waste-product for nothing, he must buy the other by-products at a fair price, but the young chemist accepted the compromise.

### NO DIFFICULTY

He found no difficulty in marketing the coal tar and residual oils; only the remaining crude naphtha seemed worthless. Nevertheless, its new owner was determined to make this "white elephant" serve some purpose.

After endless experiments, he tried dissolving some rubber in the naphtha—and evolved the first rubber solution. His discovery seemed to him a miraculous means of combating one particular discomfort which especially annoyed him and which Glasgow's winter climate rendered an almost daily occurrence: getting his clothes soaked by rain.

He liberally covered a length of tweed cloth with his new solution and then told his tailor to make him a topcoat from the treated material. The next week, the ingenious chemist—Charles Macintosh—was striding cheerfully through Glasgow's heaviest downpours, wearing the prototype of the garment to which he thus gave his name.

Today, we take "macintoshes" for granted. Indeed, Macintosh himself would have a shock if he could see just how far we have progressed in methods of manufacturing these indispensable garments.

Preparing rubberised solutions has been radically simplified by use of various petroleum products which not only facilitate the mixing procedure but

## It Was Somebody's Birthday

—But the Shadows Weren't Sure Whose—

By MAX TRELL

"SOMEBODY's birthday is today," said Knarf, the Shadow with the turned-about name, and to his sister Handi as they both sat in a corner of the playroom.

"Whose birthday?" asked Handi.

"That's it," said Knarf. "I can't remember. But it's somebody's."

This didn't seem to help much. Teddy the Stuffed Bear was sitting in the opposite corner of the room, next to Mary-Jane, the rag-doll.

"Teddy and Mary-Jane," said Knarf. "Somebody's birthday is today. I can't remember whose it is."

"Lots of people have birthdays today," said Teddy. "It's somebody we know," said Knarf.



"It's my birthday," said General Tin.

### Didn't Know

Teddy shrugged. Mary-Jane didn't know either. Knarf asked General Tin, the soldier with the turned-about name, and to his sister Handi as they both sat in a corner of the playroom.

"General Tin," said Knarf. "I can't remember. But it's somebody's."

Everyone in the playroom (except General Tin himself, who stood quietly by the door and didn't know what was going on) was disappointed and puzzled by Knarf's box and brushes. "General Tin isn't at all interested in painting. I'm afraid," said Mr Punch.

### Real Present

All the others agreed that Mr Punch had said just what they had been thinking. But Knarf smiled. "None of you has seen the real present yet. We're all going to make it with this paint box and these paint brushes."

Knarf gave each one in the room a paint brush. He made them all put a different colour paint on their brushes—red, yellow, blue, white and black. Then Knarf whispered something to them. "Oh! Now we know what you mean, Knarf!"

Teddy shouted. "My birthday is today!"

Instantly everyone in the playroom came over to congratulate General Tin.

"Thank you," he kept saying as Teddy and Knarf and Handi and Mary-Jane and Mr Punch and the Hobby-Horse and Purr-Purr the kitten, and Pooh-Pooh the poodle shook his hand. "Don't bother to buy me any presents. I can do very well without presents. But if you buy me any just bring them to me before I go to sleep tonight. I like to get my birthday presents on my birthday."

They all walked up to the tin soldier with their brushes and paint.

"Turn around, please, and shut your eyes," Knarf said to him. "We're going to give you your presents. They're a surprise!"

General Tin did as he was told. He turned around and stood absolutely still, with his eyes tightly shut. He felt the brushes going over him. "All right, General! Open your eyes now!"

Everyone wondered what kind of present to buy for a tin soldier.

"He's got a musket," said Teddy. "He wouldn't be able to use another one."

"And besides," said Mary-Jane, "where would you be able to buy a musket for a tin soldier?"

It was Knarf who thought of the best present for General Tin. He wouldn't tell any of the others what it was at first. "Everybody wait right here, please. I'll be right back."

He returned a few minutes later with a paint box and several brushes.

When General Tin opened his eyes, he could hardly believe what he saw. He had a brand-new red coat, a bright new blue hat with a yellow feather. He had a new black tie, and new black shoes. And a beautiful pair of white trousers.

They had all been freshly painted on him by his friends.

"Happy birthday, General!" they all cried joyfully.

## Rupert's Autumn Primrose—11



Rupert and Edward hurry away from Robin Down, and as they meet Fergy Fox who now has his brother Freddy with him. They stare at the prize jug. "Oh, you mean things!" cries Fergy. "So you did keep that prize after all, and you've been having a good time at the fair, with the money in it." "No, no," protests Edward.

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## Little Party Sandwiches For New Year

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

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"It is an unusual way they have of serving dainty plain buttered whole wheat bread sandwiches with oysters on the half shell, or tomato juice and white yeast rolls with the dinner."

## Buffet Party

"At a buffet party good enough for New Year or for morning or afternoon tea, I like their filled sandwiches," the Chef continued. "These are very good with the grated cheddar cheese filling, Madame. And these chopped chicken sandwiches are also good," he went on, passing me the plate. "These others are put together with thin sliced ham, sardine and chutney butter, which means minced anchovies or chutney stirred into butter." The custom of serving dainty

make 1 c. Grate enough raw

potato to make  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. Add 1 grated medium-sized onion,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. shredded string beans and  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. green peas,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  c. boiling water, 1 tsp. salt and  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. pepper. Simmer 20 min.; add 1 qt. whole milk and bring to a boil. Cream together 2 tbsp. each flour and butter or margarine. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. of the hot soup and stir until smooth. Then stir into the cooking soup and simmer until it thickens, about 2 min. If desired, pour the boiling hot soup into a beaten egg. Serve sprinkled with minced parsley.

## Dinner

## Chopped Vegetable Cream Soup

## Croutons

## Frenched Lamb Sandwiches

## Whole Green Beans

## Tomato and Lettuce Salad

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Chopped Vegetable Cream

Soup

Grate enough raw carrot to

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## Frenched Lamb Sandwiches

Mince enough left-over

cooked lamb to make  $1\frac{1}{2}$  c.Molten with  $\frac{1}{3}$  c. brown

gravy or tomato catsup. Make

4 full-sized white bread

sandwiches with the lamb as a

filling. Press together and cut

in halves. Then beat 2 eggs

slightly; add  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt and $\frac{1}{2}$  c. milk. Dip the sandwiches

in and out quickly. Drain a

moment; fry in butter or

margarine on both sides until

brown.

## Baked Honey Custards

Beat 3 eggs until foamy.

Add  $\frac{1}{3}$  c. honey,  $\frac{1}{3}$  c. cinnamon and 2 tsp. salt.

Stir in 3 c. milk. Transfer to large

custard cups; stand them in a

pan, pour in boiling water to

half the depth, and bake 30

min. in a moderate oven, 375

F. or until knife when inserted

in the centre comes out clean.

Garnish if desired with

 $\frac{1}{2}$  glace cherry and a little

shredded citron.

## Suggestion of the Chef

Try French meat sandwiches with any kind of leftover meat or poultry mixed with a little minced green pepper.

## Backward Look for Beauty



Before you don one of the new bare-top dresses, give your back a little cosmetic care. In the tub, scrub with a long brush; afterwards pat on powder.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NEXT time you are looking million dollars. It helps to create youthfulness of figure and sartorial glamour. To attain it and to preserve it one should keep the chest lifted, abdominal fibres packed against the backbone, shoulders with an easy pose. If you throw your shoulders forward it is a good guess that your back will not be anything to brag about.

## Bare-Top Formals

With bare-top formals, chest, neck and arms require a certain amount of cosmetic attention. When bathing, use a long-handled brush to scour the area of your spinal column. Have the brush well soaped. The bristles should be firm so they don't bend and weaken when moist. Blackheads often form on the upper portion of the back. If they are already present sponge the skin surface lightly with eau de cologne. The alcoholic content will seep into the pores, soften the black points and, eventually, will dissolve them.

No woman can have an attractive figure who does not possess a well-modelled back, covered with just enough skin to hide the bones. But there is more beauty in the perfect back. The spinal column is the cornerstone of the human skeleton.

Hold yourself tall, walking, sitting or standing. That is the secret of good posture. It is the means of establishing splendid anatomical lines. Without correct stance the musculature weakens and body balance departs.

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## Packing And Storage Ideas

MOVING is just about the best time ever for getting rid of white elephants. Go over all those stored-up possessions, and with more head than heart, decide what must and then what should be discarded.

Call the family in and ask each member about his or her treasured property, and only keep the stuff after you have really been convinced that to discard it would be a major disaster. After this is done, sort what is to be retained, then pack in small cartons, tie and label. If you have been wise, you will have started carton-collecting quite a way back, paying delivery boys to bring cartons large and small to the house.

If there are any valuable papers or documents about the house now is the time to do what should have been done a long time ago, that is, rent a safety deposit box. That's where such items belong, in safe keeping, safe from fire, theft or loss.

## Sort Books

Go over books, sort out any not wanted, see that they reach a local hospital, or similar institution. Wrap and place in cartons and tie with strong rope. Small or medium-sized cartons are best, the large ones are too heavy and too unwieldy. Get hold of flat cartons if you can, to pack linens and bedding.

If the move is to be a long one, get barrels for china and glass-ware from the moving people, otherwise, strong, medium-sized cartons will do. Line bottoms with a good base of excelsior or shredded newspaper. Wrap plates with two thicknesses of paper between each one, and set on edge with base of plate toward the outside. Flat dishes placed horizontally are easily cracked or broken. Fill centre with cups, handles carefully wrapped. Top bottom dish layer with another heavy paper or excelsior layer. The job should be started with the largest pieces, such as platters, working up to the lighter and smaller pieces as you go towards the top, with a final layer of paper or excelsior.

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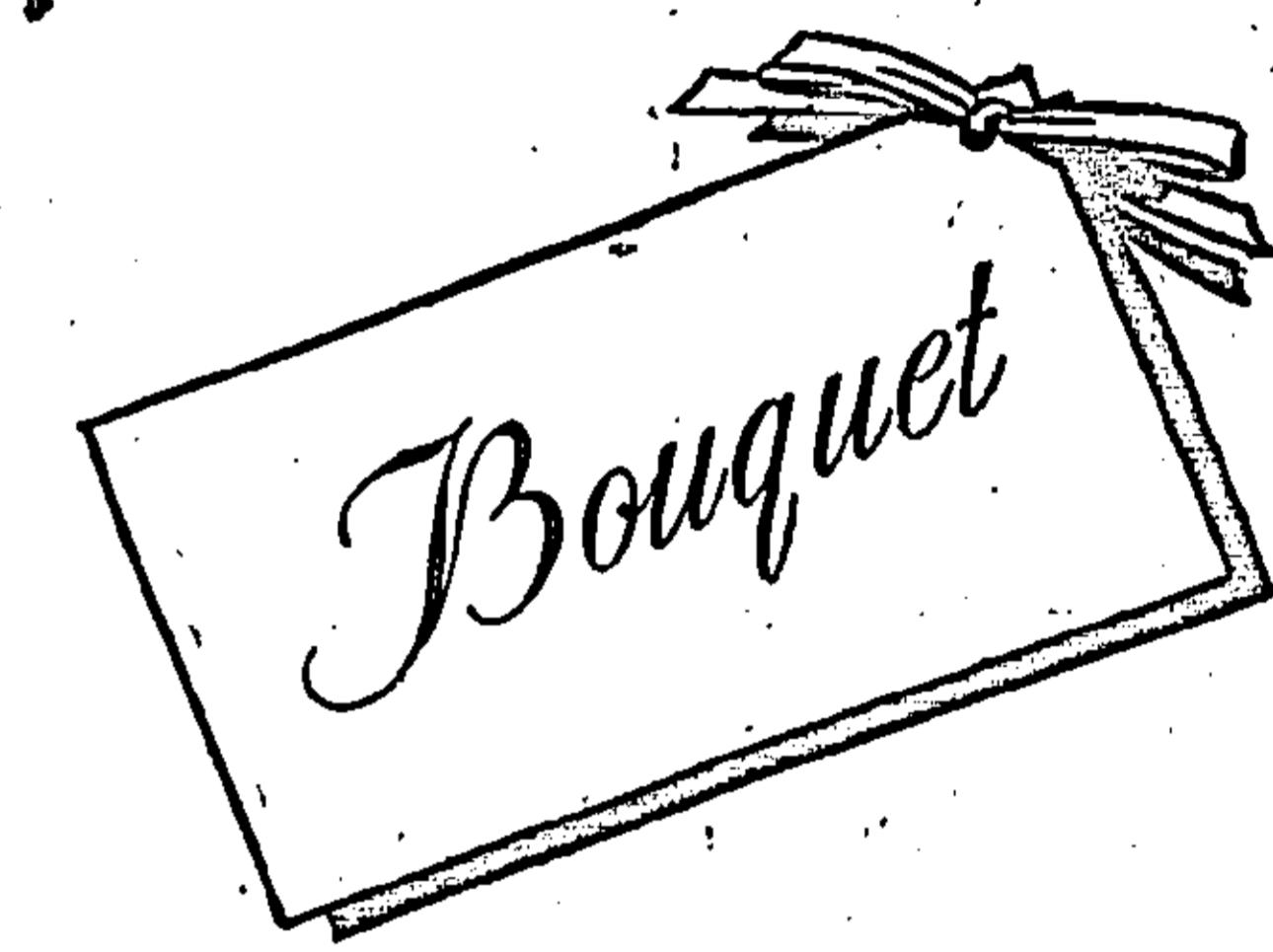
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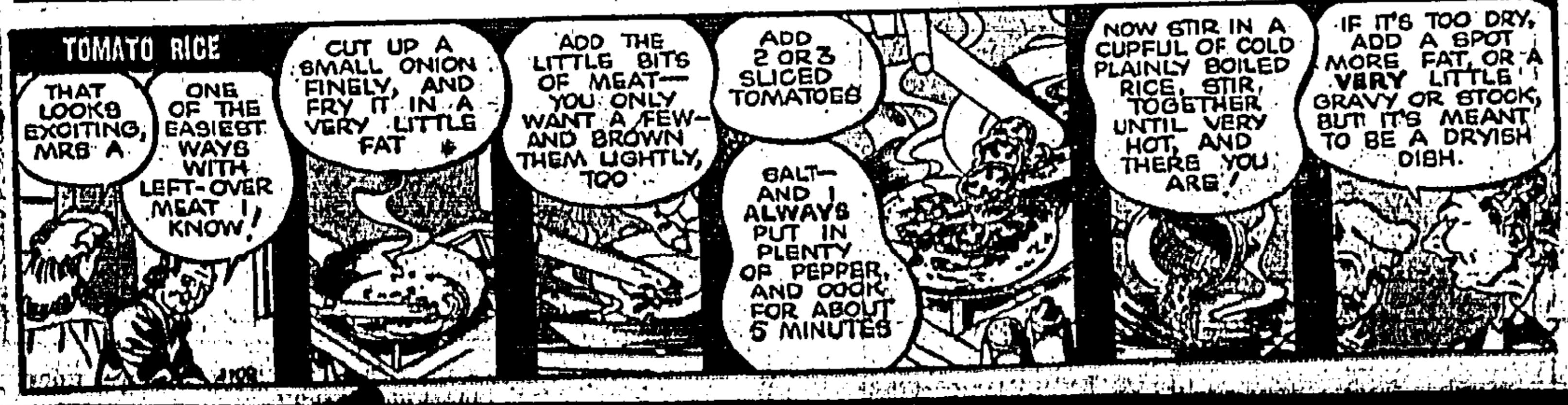
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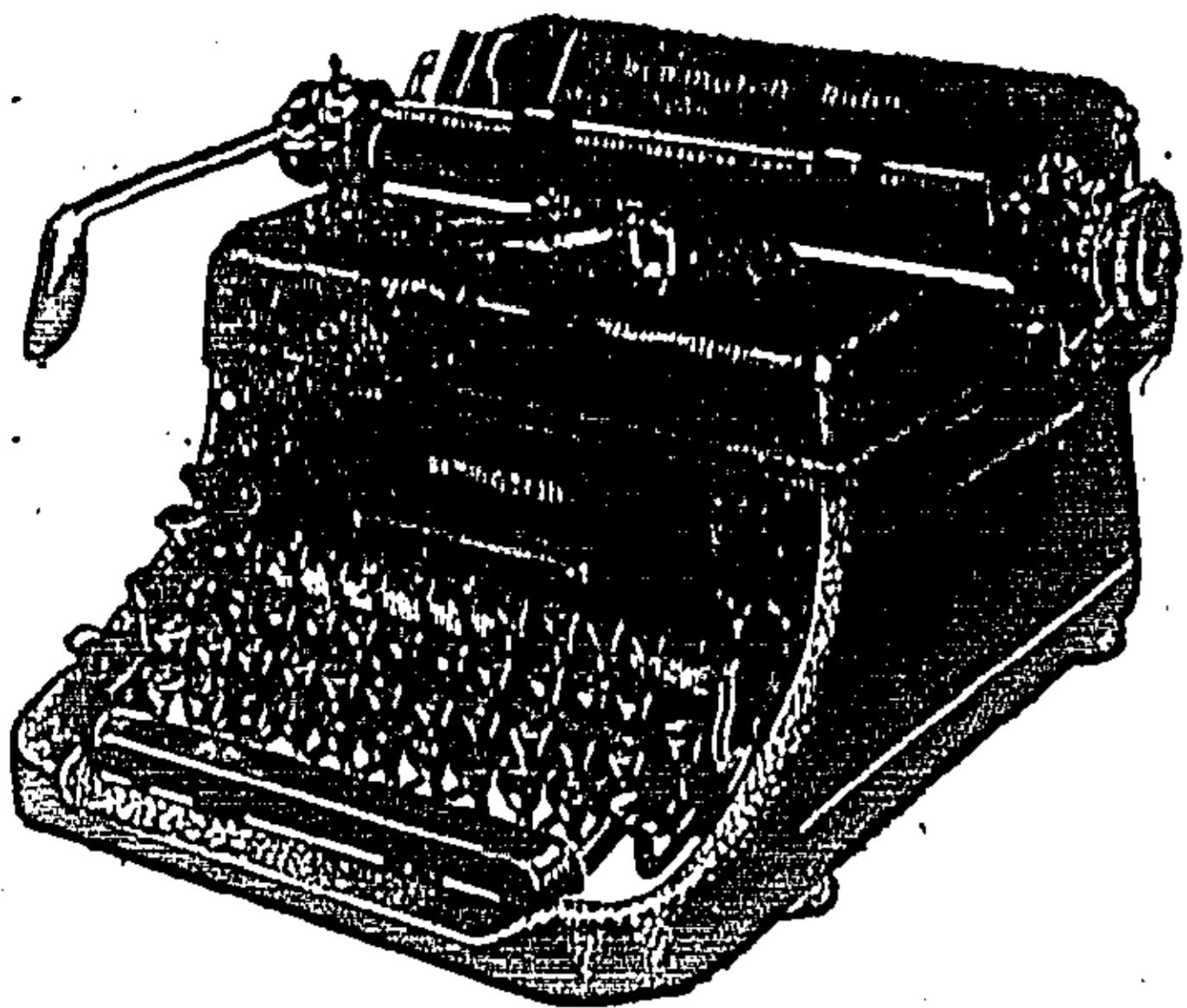
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W. J. BROWN picks men who kept traditions alive

# THESE ARE MY BIG 4 OF 1950

HERE have been certain years in which the outstanding personalities have picked themselves. Nobody doubted in 1940, for instance, that Mr Churchill was "The Man of the year." He towered over men and events.

But there are "lean years" as well as "years of plenty"—years in which no particular man steps forth in obvious, outstanding pre-eminence. This has been such a year.

In picking my Big Four of 1950, therefore, I shall choose names less remarkable for actual achievement than for the significance of their actions or their work.

Oliver Stanley: Cripps: "Refused to take the easy way." McElroy: "Chose the high and lonely way."

upon his views of truth, and price of excessive hours and overstrain we should remember and praise him.

Finally, as my fourth "Man of the Year," I select ANY one of our soldiers in Korea. First and main brunt of the fighting fell on our American friends, and I do not doubt that in America and Korea there were many private curses about the dilatoriness of the so-and-so "Lincys." But whatever the American view of our dilatoriness, there is only one American attitude about the magnificent bearing of the British troops in these last difficult and desperate days.

With Oliver Stanley in his quiet grave, with Sir Stafford Cripps in his Swiss sanatorium, with James McElroy wherever he is, with the 20,000 British troops in the cold winter of Korea, shall our thoughts be at this time. They exemplify the ancient virtues, the eternal values. They teach us the old truth that a life is more than a livelihood. They keep alive, in a world given over to selfish materialism, the traditions which made us what we are.

## Gracious spirit

IN the field of politics first choice is Oliver Stanley, whose death the other day robbed Parliament of one of its most gracious spirits. I choose him not for his achievements—though indeed he attained to high office in the State and proved a worthy and successful Minister—but because he stood for something in public life of great importance and increasing rarity—the sense of duty.

Stanley had no need of money. He was too modest to seek power for its own sake. He knew how to hit hard, but he knew also that humour was more effective than invective, and his sharpest thrusts were delivered with a disarming smile. He was the embodiment of the sense of duty.

## Public service

THE old families are dying out. Death duties and high taxation break up the big estates. Let us recognise that the old families contributed to public life, century after century, something of enormous value—disinterested, unselfish public service.

One son would go into politics, another into the Army, a third into the Civil Service, a fourth into Church. That tradition was a noble one, and Stanley was the embodiment of it in our day. Politics, like sport, becomes more and more professionalised. Stanley was the last of the great amateurs.

In the field of trade unionism I choose Mr James McElroy, of Coventry. It is one of the lessons of history that the oppressed of one day can become the oppressors of the morrow.

## Noble work

TRADE unionism began as a combination of poor men to secure collectively the rights which individually they were powerless to win. It has done much necessary and noble work.

But all institutions can become corrupt with time. They may come to serve purposes unconnected with, and even hostile to, the purposes for which they began. In our day we have seen the growth of the closed shop principle in trade union affairs.

I object to that principle. Trade unionism loses half its value when, instead of being a voluntary combination of free men, it becomes a coercive institution, compelling men to violate their religious or other convictions by threatening them with the loss of their livelihood.

Some modern trade unions insist that men shall pay them a levy before they are allowed to start earning the living! A hundred years ago men were deported from Britain for the crime of joining a union. Now they are driven out of their jobs for the crime of not joining a union. I see no moral difference between the two things. Both are offences against the liberty of men.

## Hats off to—

WHEN I see a simple man—whether I agree with his views or not—taking his stand

Terence Rattigan followed with another dirty play—if he will forgive me—and was duly scolded by the critics for falling below his form. But the questing public, after a week or so of doubt, felt that sexual irregularity deserved its patronage. Had there been more wit the theme of the play would not have mattered, but sin without satire or tragedy is a poor thing.

If we number Christopher

Fry among our established

dramatists we must admit that he scored an enormous success with his adaptation of RING

ROUND THE MOON, but raised

the eye-brows of doubt with the self-conscious VENUS OBSERVED, which was all his own work. It is dangerous for a dramatist to defy the conventions of the stage until he has first mastered them.

On the other hand Ring Round

the Moon, which gave the im-

pression of unorderly nonsense

and fanciful spontaneity was

therefore let us pause for a

moment of general congratula-

## POP



## Sad reflection



# Diamond Rush In The 'Vaal'

By GEOFFREY JENKINS

WOMEN from all parts of the Empire, including Britain, have written to a Transvaal diamond digger offering to be his wife. He had £4,800 worth of diamonds taken from his farm in September, and in a fortnight in August more than £1,300 worth came to the surface.

It is reported that he is throwing open his farm to other diggers, but meanwhile he will not talk about the marriage offers, or say what he will do about them.

According to one digger, "talking about finds brings bad luck. It has been proved over and over again. That is why today there is less glamour about a new diamond rush. We don't celebrate as we did in the old days."

A real diamond rush,

however, hit this part of South Africa, and there is more than superstition behind the "no talk" rule. Too much talk means too many diggers. The claims are crowded together and this means that one man may intrude on another's ground when a good "strike" is made.

The diamonds lie only four feet beneath the surface, and the diggers do everything to prevent their neighbours knowing what is happening. Veteran diggers say that this is the most hush-hush diamond field in the country's history.

New superstitions and fantastical theories about diamonds

spring up every day. "Look at the spot where you see a donkey grazing, and you'll find diamonds," says Mrs Martha Van der Westhuizen, one of 12 women who have just taken in part to two new rushes near sites on the Vaal River, which 30 years ago made diggers' fortunes.

All 12 women ran in the great diamond rushes of the past, Mrs Van der Westhuizen as a slim school-girl. But they all followed the diggers' tradition when the pistol sounded, sending hundreds of men and women streaming across the bare veldt. They hitched up their skirts and ran to peg their claims.

I found Mrs Van der Westhuizen sitting on a heap of gravel, puffing after her run.

"Why did you peg this claim?" I asked.

"I looked round to see where there was a donkey," she said.

"That's what my husband told me—Peg your claim where there's a donkey, for there will be diamonds beneath it."

A little village of tin-chanties, typical of the early South African diamond rushes, has sprung up in the Vaal River area.

After the first day's digging one man found a six-carat diamond, which led to feverish activity in general. Just before the rush the names of diggers were called out by police, but to one name there was no reply; the man had been killed in an accident the previous day. Two men fainted with excitement just before their names were called.

One of the big-shot diggers employed a team of 200 natives to peg his claims, which he staked after using a metal divining rod. No theories about grazing donkeys for him.

"I don't need to race," he told me. "This rod tells me where to go."

Old-timers feel that something of the romance has gone out of diamond rushes. Today corrugated iron shacks have replaced the hovels made of petrol cans of the old days—hovels which were only big enough to allow a man to sleep with his head and chest covered from the freezing cold.

Now the camp is called grandiloquently "the residential area," and they regret the absence of dance halls and the lively old-time bars.

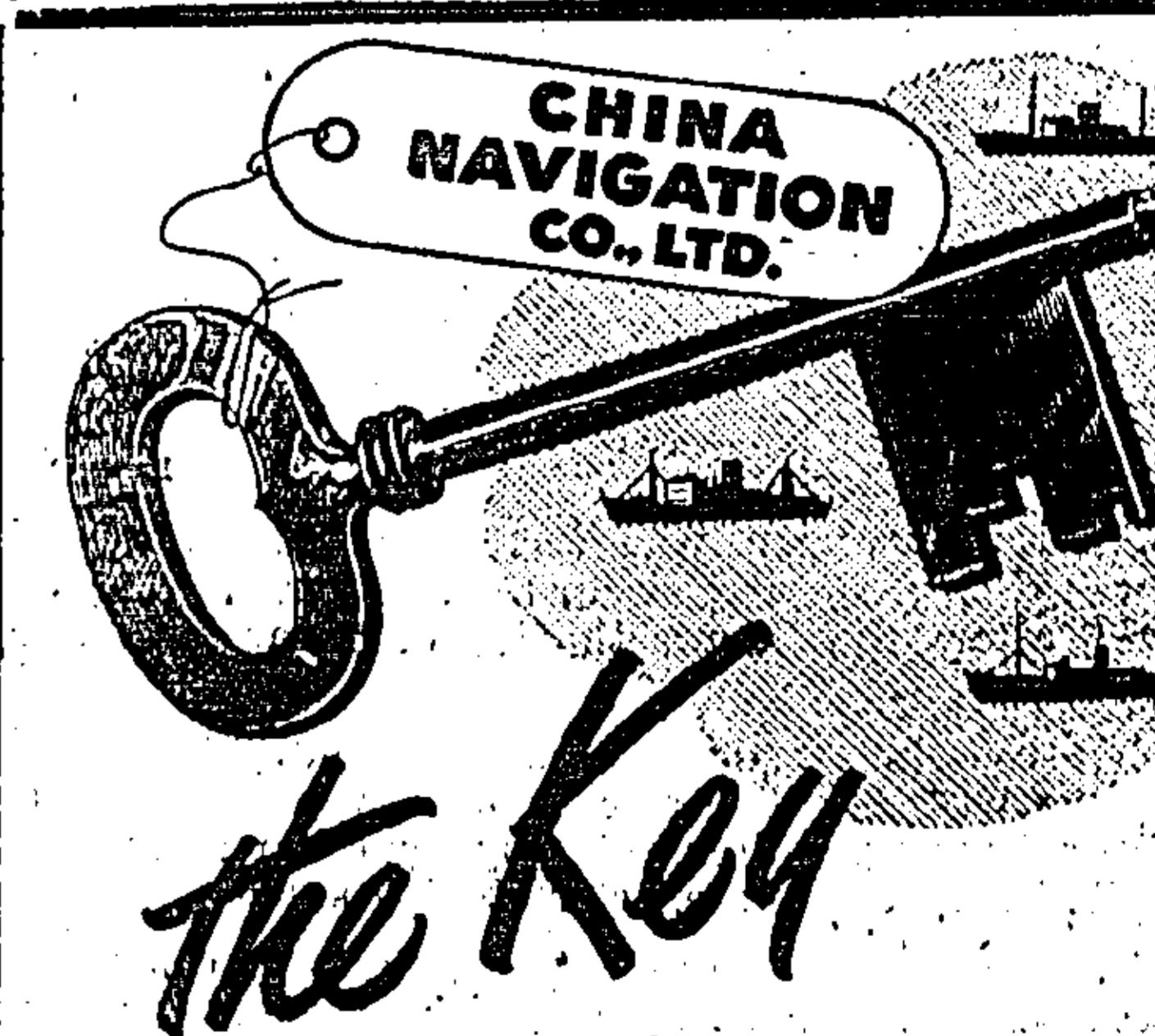
The owner of this piece of land dug up £1,700 worth of diamonds before throwing it open as a public "digging."

This diamond rush is spreading from South to East Africa; from Nairobi is reported the grant of licences to prospect from the Mines Department.

For several months now prospectors have been investigating the wild, sparsely inhabited game-filled plains, and many believe they will make their fortunes there.

"Many of the men who want to make claims say they are convinced that they can put their hands on large deposits of diamonds immediately permission for prospecting is granted," said a Mines Department official.

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## Canterbury Centennial Athletics

Auckland, Dec. 27. Art Bragg, U.S. AAU sprint champion, and Mal Whitfield, U.S. runner who won the 1948 Olympic crown in the 800 metre event, both were defeated today in the opening races of the Canterbury Centennial games at Christchurch.

Bragg was beaten in a 9.7 seconds 100-yard—that was won by Bill Deguchi of Australia. McDonald Bailey of England was third.

Whitfield was second to Arthur Wint of Jamaica. Wint Olympic 400-metre king. Wint travelled the 400-metre distance today in a torrid 49.9 seconds. Whitfield started slowly and fell eight feet short of victory with a dazzling finish.

The 1,000-metre race was won by Ingvar Bengtsson of Sweden in 3 mins. 56.4 secs. Maurice Marshall of New Zealand was second.

In the 400-yard barrier event Derek Stewart, of New Zealand, was clocked in 53.7 seconds, ahead of Don Halderman of the U.S.

In the two miles run George Hosking of New Zealand won in 9 minutes 17.2 seconds. Will Slykhuis was second.

Three Americans, Bill Heusner, Jimmy McLane and Wally Hall, won swimming titles.

Heusner splashed through the 400-yard free style event in 4 min. 58 sec., establishing a New Zealand record. Barrie Kelleway of Australia was second with Alan Gilchrist of Canada third.

McLane, winner of the Olympic 1,500-metres, took the 100-yard race in 59.0 seconds finishing just ahead of Lucien Beaumont of Canada.

Wolf defeated Roger Gibb of New Zealand by a foot in the 200-yard backstroke. The time was 2 min. 39.0 sec., cutting almost 7 seconds off the listed New Zealand record.

Schum, of Holland, won the women's 220-yards free style swim in 2 mins. 30.8 secs.—Associated Press.

## COLONY RUGBY FIXTURES

The following changes in the published fixture card have been made:

30th December 1950 NAVY versus POLICE ARMY versus CLUB on Club Ground.

6th January 1951 NAVY versus R.A.F. CLUB versus POLICE at Causeway Bay.

13th January 1951 NAVY versus ARMY R.A.F. versus POLICE on Police Ground.

20th January 1951 G.O.C. in C's XV versus SIR ARTHUR MORSE'S XV at Club Ground.

London Dec. 27.

India and Australia thus far are the only badminton playing countries whose challenges have been received for the Pacific Zone of the Thomas Cup 1951-52 competition.

The Secretary of the International Badminton Federation, H. A. Scheele, told the United Press tonight that they are the only two entries he had received originally. Scheele added, however, he expected that other challenges for the Pacific Zone would arrive before the closing date on January 1. Among the possible entries are Hongkong, New Zealand and the Philippines. A draw for the zone will not take place until January 5.

Challengers delayed in delivery beyond New Year's Day probably will be included if they arrive before the draw takes place.

The draw for the American and European Zones of the tournament will be made here on July 4. Holders of the Thomas Cup, Malaya, will not be called upon to play until the ultimate challenger has been decided from among the competing nations throughout the world.—United Press.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 6 of the Probates Ordinance 1907, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th day of January, 1951.

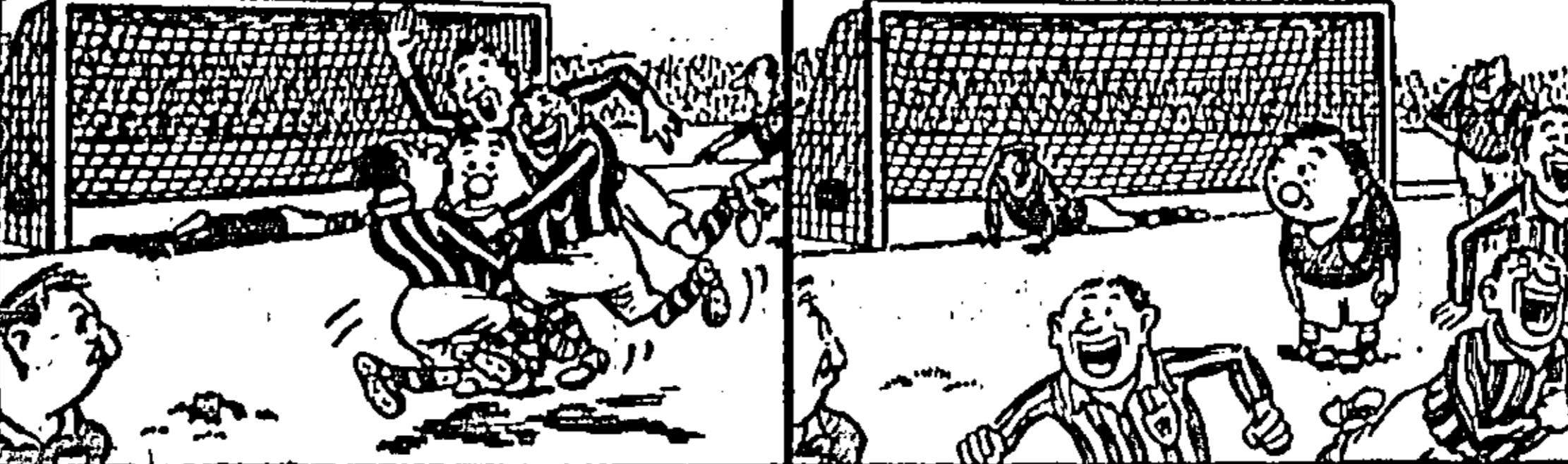
All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated this 25th day of December, 1950.

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## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## ALL IS NOT WELL WITH THE AUSTRALIAN TEST CRICKET TEAM

Says HAROLD MAYES

Britain, in the grip of snow and ice, seems a long way from Test cricket. It is, of course, but a week from now, whatever has happened in the New Year Soccer battles, Australia v. England will still be one of the chief topics of conversation.

By that time England may be well on the way to being three down in the series. Sure, there'll be plenty of people ready to tell me that they performed very creditably in the Brisbane game, and that only the elements licked them, but while morale may have been boosted as a result, I am afraid that the ultimate ending is still only too obvious.

To me the position is that England have put everything in the shop window and the Aussies know just what to expect. Even the fact that all may not be well in the Australian camp is not sound enough reason for feeling that the tide may turn, for they have the talent on hand to stifle immediately any suggestion of dissension, and have already proved that they don't even give a chap a chance to fail a second time by the dropping of Jack Moroney.

Did I say dissension in the Aussie team? Yes, I'm assured that all is not well, and there is every reason to believe that skipper Lindsay Hassett may be superseded during the series.

Arthur Morris, tipped as his successor, has already gone a long way towards clinching claims to the captaincy by a century followed by a sound tactical handling of the situation.

Bill Johnston has been given six points for his bowling. Amateur Athletic Board do not insure team members when they go on representative trips by air.

Remember that he took seven wickets in the Brisbane Test for '50. Then recall that both Alec Bedser and Trevor Bailey earned the same number of scalps for fewer runs, although having to bowl on one good wicket and a bad one instead of two bad ones, and you'll see which way the wind is blowing.

To safeguard themselves they have the athletes sign a declaration that the Board are not held responsible for any accidents that may occur in flight, on in the course of competition.

When Len Eyre, Alec Olney and Geoff Saunders travelled recently to Brussels to compete in a big international cross-country event, they were insured by the English Cross Country Union, and the cost was only two bob each way—I rather like that—for a thousand pounds coverage per head.



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## CRAIGENGOWER'S MATCH OF THE YEAR



The Bachelors lost by 115 runs at the annual Craigengower match last Sunday. George Souza, the CCC skipper, carried his bat for 107 runs to contribute to this winning margin.

From left to right: Front row: R. Tay, S. M. Rumjahn, F. R. Kermani, A. H. Ismail. Middle row: A. Kuruneru, S. S. Ismail, T. Crabtree, P. J. Billimoria, G. A. Souza, S. Ramchand, D. Readman, S. Leonard. Back row: E. el Arculli, G. Hong Choy, J. L. Youngsaye, G. Ladd, A. R. Kitchell, A. R. H. Esmail, P. R. Ragi, J. Irane, R. Basa, S. R. Solina, R. Baker, C. R. Lawrence.

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## "RAPIER" Reviews The Chances At The

New Year's Day Races  
At The Valley

The First Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club for the 1951 Racing Season opens on Monday, January 1.

There are 10 events on the programme, the most important of which is the New Year Handicap. It is a handicap race for Australian Ponies Class 1A over the mile.

The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run promptly at 12.00 noon. The tiffin interval will come after the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Given fine weather conditions the meeting should attract a record crowd of racing fans.

## RACE ONE

Taiwan Bay Handicap (1st Section): From Near the 2 Mile Post.

The opening race of the season is confined to Australian Ponies Class 9. To be ridden by Riders who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed.

The Kain Lung (Mr K. C. Wong), came in second in the Finale Stakes for Australian Ponies Class 10 at the 13th Race Meeting with Mr H. C. Woo up, and on that performance should have a good chance of winning.

Ballerina (Mr Tsai), is about the next best in this crowd, as it has been showing improved form lately. It will give the above pony a good fight to the end.

Norse Lady (Mr Chuang), is improving in its track work during morning gallops and it will not be a surprise to see it fighting out the finish.

Estrella (Mr A. H. Esmail), Happy Farmers (Mr Y. C. Lan) and Midnight Express (Mr Lee), should also receive some consideration, especially the latter, which is not bad.

For the third position Souvenir (Mr Kwoh) is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on Chief Witness (Mr Renfrew).

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Race d'or (Mr Symonds), which ran unplaced in the above race, can be expected to do better and on form it should certainly have no difficulty in winning.

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## WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club teams for cricket, rugby and soccer matches over the week-end and on Monday, January 1, 1951:

## CRICKET

Hongkong Cricket Club "Optimists" against Indian Recreation Club (League) at Chater Road, to-morrow, 1.30 p.m.—D. Kilpatrick, N. E. Arthy, T. P. Mahon, L. White, H. H. Rankine, G. T. Howe, R. Theserson-Endell, A. P. Haynor, R. D. Macpherson, S. A. Snith, Umpire: S/Ldr. E. Lewis.

India Recreation Club against HKCC "Optimists" (2nd Section) from Near the 2 Mile Post. From 1.30 p.m.—Sgt. R. Rumjahn (Captain), A. H. Madar, A. H. Abbas, R. Kilpatrick, I. Ali, A. H. Bakar, A. M. Omara, A. S. Ismail, Minu, M. D. Ramchand and S. A. Ismail. Umpire: G. M. Butt, Scorer: M. A. Wahab.

Team for Royal Navy Trial at King's Park tomorrow, commencing 1.45 p.m.—Lt. Cdr. Lee, Surgeon Lt. Cdr. Luard, P.M.—Lt. Cdr. Lee, Surg. Lt. Morgan, P. O. Cole, E. L. G. Gallagher, Lt. Cdr. Parker, Surg. Lt. Black, S/o. F. Fife.

## JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

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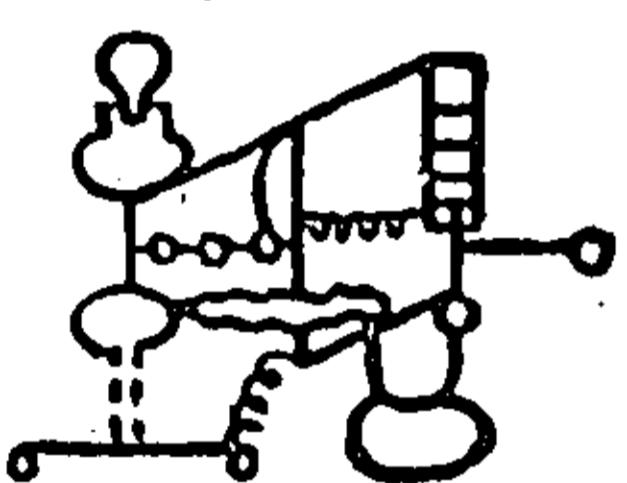
Today I chiefly write for those who are grown tired of reading prose. Here, dull as ever, but more terse. Are ten short lines of pointed verse. When you have nothing to proclaim, Prose and verse are much the same; Each at its time, and in its place, May serve to fill a little space. But hark! a footfall in the glade! What fairy sees the beechen shade?

(Enter the fairies Groglogloom and Quarbotte)

**Muk-Muk's night out**

MUK-MUK entranced the crowded restaurant last night by giving his autograph to a dog. He then danced with Trivia Tandy. "We ok just wuk friends," he said in his quaint English. He was then prevailed upon to sing "Sok um indek aw," but he got his nose caught in the microphone and his voice sounded like a baby elephant trying to bellow with its trunk caught between the claws of a lobster. He had to take the microphone, still attached to his nose, back to his table, where a waiter knocked it loose with a soup spoon. "Flik," commented the Eskimo star with a smile. "In England no whalebubber," he said later. Asked if he found the nights short here, he said, "Have met only Sir Edward Crecknall. He long as a flagpole."

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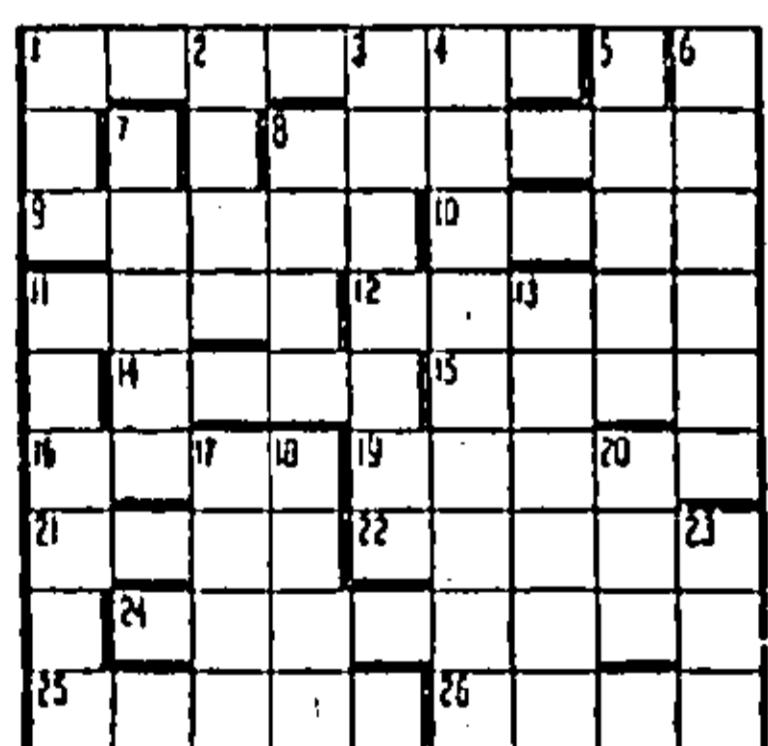


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ACROSS  
1. If one gets into jug, he comes in to jail. (7)  
6. A damper that is likely to puzzle. (6)  
10. Strip of the hide. (4)  
11. You'll often see one in the country. (4)  
12. Shy people usually are. (6)  
14. This Queen of Carthage named after a village in North Africa. (4)  
15. The services of Greeks leave the temporary stop. (4)  
16. Double figures bring a home! (4)  
19. Such a weak character! (5)  
21. He's a good son. (4)  
22. Doyle gives voice to. (6)  
24. A rag duet (anag.). (6)  
25. This calls for a special meeting. (6)  
26. Indian groom. (4)

Downs  
1. One has to stand out for this. (3)  
2. Close, in more sense than one. (3)  
3. The emu, pig in the litter. (7)  
4. Intrusive. (6)  
5. Demand as your due. (6)  
6. If you hold the safety of route. (6)  
7. Commerce (6)  
8. Paste a pony on the box. (6)  
11. Witty remark to put on tomb of the dead. (3)  
12. Don't say, like this part of the week. (6)  
13. Don't say, like this part of the week. (6)  
14. Model from the east. (4)  
15. A series of 10 atoms. (8)  
16. Stereoscopic shelter. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across:  
1. Eric; 18. Alice; 13. Amity; 15. Drew; 16. Grasp; 19. Ah; 20. Ape; 21. Embroider; 22. Irritable; 23. Volcanic; 24. Acne; 25. Unity; 27. Olly; 28. Eden; 29. Vibration; 30. Penn; 32. Dadd; 34. Art.

## INTELLIGENCE TEST

## SILVER CAT

BY T. O. HARE  
HERE are clues to five words which are written under one another, will produce a word square:

(1) Standard of quality.  
(2) Dead? Anything but!  
(3) Here.  
(4) Communicate.

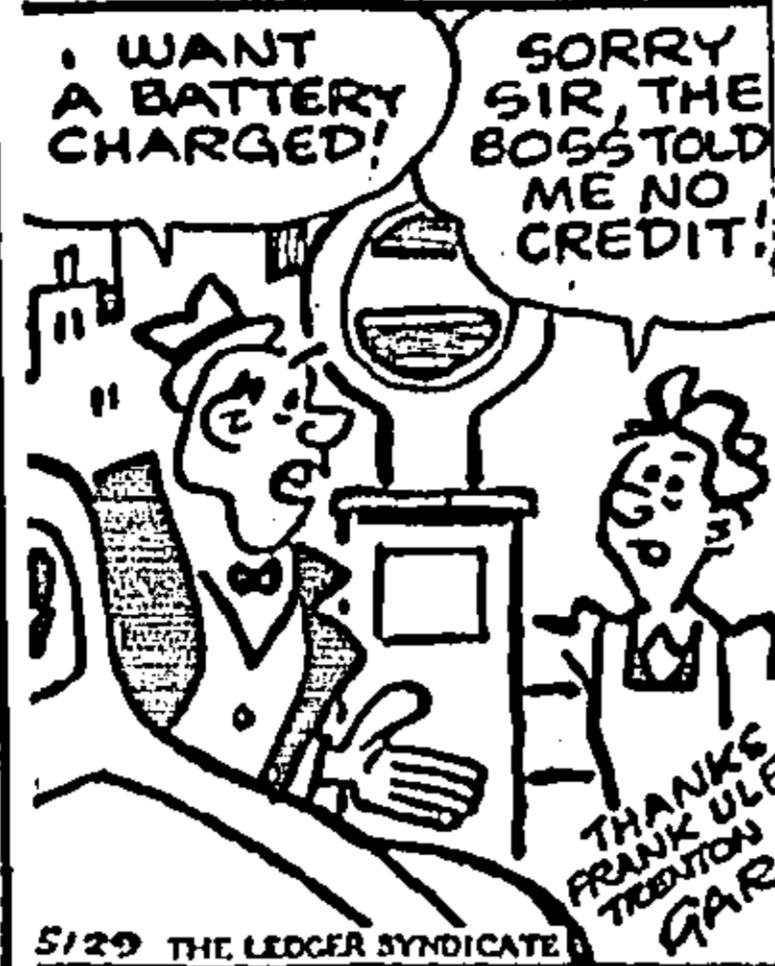
And here's a further one: you will require only the nine letters of the phrase SILVER CAT.

(Solution on page 12)



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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Lou Put on Ice By Pessimistic Pete

BY OSWALD JACOBY

LARCENY LOU was in to see me with a legitimate complaint. Here it is in his own words.

"I played with my wife in the club duplicate yesterday. We would have won it easily if it hadn't been for Pessimistic Pete. He sat South and I sat East on the hand that cost us the tournament. The bidding was short and decisive. Pete showed no pessimism and had no trouble bidding the diamond slam.

"My wife opened the four of clubs. Pete won with the ace, led over to dummy's ace of diamonds and returned to the lead in his own hand. After a couple of groans because the trumps had not broken, Pete led the jack of spades and played the eight from dummy. By this time, I had made up my mind that Pete's ace of clubs was a singleton and that my only chance was to refuse to win that spade trick. Accordingly, I played the five of spades without batting an eye.

"The play almost worked. Pete went into one of his

(DEALER) 11  
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♦ 8 7

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North East South West  
1 A Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
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5 ♦ Pass 6 ♦ Pass  
Pass Pass  
"Opening lead—♦ 4

huddles and finally led the deuce of spades and finessed once more. All I could do was to take that trick; otherwise I would lose my queen of spades.

I led a club back. Pete trumped high, entered dummy with the nine of trumps and discarded his three losing hearts on the three good spades. Curtains!

"It is just your reputation biting back at you," I said. "I'll bet if an ordinary player had made your play Pete would have picked up your last trump before taking the second spade finesse and you would have set the hand. By the way, how did Generous George do?"

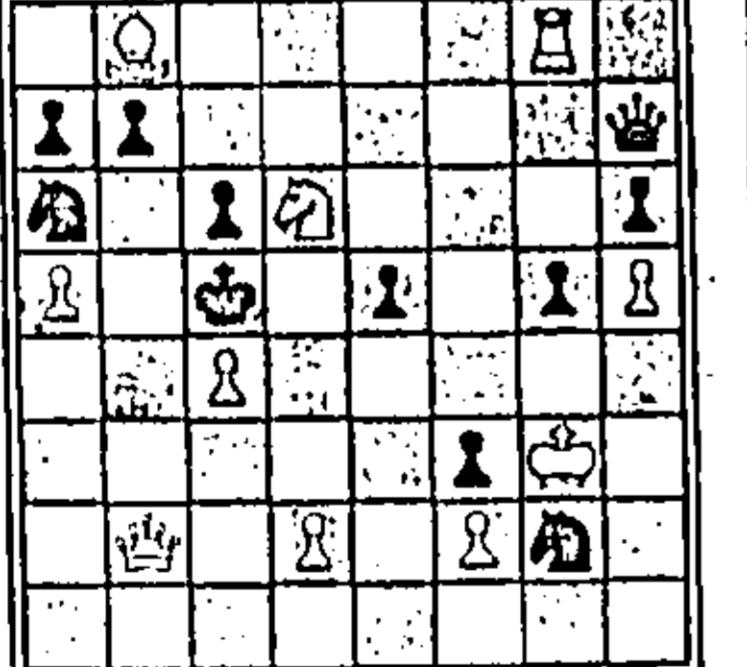
"He won the tournament, of course," said Lou. "The lucky so-and-so held the West hand but our old friend Hard Luck Joe played the hand against George.

"George's partner also opened the four of clubs. Joe had no problem with the hand at all. He simply drew three rounds of trumps and finessed the jack of spades. Naturally, George, with his well known generosity, let it hold. Joe finessed again and George grabbed the queen, leaving Joe with three high spades in dummy and no way to get to them. Joe was down three and the top score gave George the tournament."

(Sgt. R. A. Edwards S. B. St. J. Corps Supt.)

## CHESS PROBLEM

By L. B. SALKIND  
Black, 11 pieces.



1. How do snakes hear?  
2. What was the Greek name for Greece?  
3. Of what ocean is the Bay of Bengal a part?  
4. What are hallmarks?  
5. Which arm of Venus de Milo is missing?  
6. Is the "land of Pluto" heaven or hell?

(Answers on Page 12)

White, 10 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q—K5, any; 2. Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

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17. (3) Guu(1) (3)yuet To-day.  
18. (3) Drawk (3)yuet. Yesterday.  
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## Mail Notices

On Monday, January 1, the General Post Office and Rowland Central Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The other Branch Post Offices will open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. and no collection only from pillar boxes.

The Money Order Office, Poste Restante and Wireless Licensing Office will be closed.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles (by air or sea) and parcel posts close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail which will close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other days, registered and parcel posts close at 3 p.m. on the previous day. The post office closed at Kowloon Central Post Office at 10 p.m. earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29  
Closing Times By Air

India, Pakistan, Persian Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 3 p.m.  
B.R. & B.M. Australia & New Zealand, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 3 p.m.  
Philippines, Malaya & U.S.A. (Letters), second class mail and parcels, Guineas (letters and second class mail), Canada (letters only), 8 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon & India, 5 p.m.  
Formosa, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30  
Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 3 p.m.  
Siam, 8 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea  
Philippines & France, 3 p.m.  
Philippines, B.R. & Guineas, Australia & New Zealand, 3 p.m.  
Hawaii, 3 p.m.

Malaya & Indonesia, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31  
Closing Times By Air

Philippines & B.R., 3 p.m.  
Siam, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1  
Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 10 a.m.  
U.S.A. & Canada, Noon.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan & Persian Gulf Ports, Noon.

Indo-China & French North Africa, Noon.

Closing Times By Sea

Formosa, Noon.

Malaya, 8 a.m.

Parcel only for Canada, 10 a.m.

## DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 52. Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force. Dated December 27, 1950.

Force Headquarters  
1040. Holiday. H.K.D.F. Headquarters, Lower Albert Road will be closed on Monday, January 1, 1951.

1050. Units—Week Ending January 8. Orderly Officer of the week—Lieut. W.D.L. O'Driscoll. Next for duty—Lieut. J. P. O'Driscoll.

1051. Training—Week Ending January 8. No Annual Break.

1052. I.R. Exercise—Warning Order. A.S. Exercise will be held on January 10/17, 1951. The Hong Kong Regiment will take part in the exercise. The exercise commences at 8 p.m. January 10 and ends at 8 p.m. January 17. A full muster parade is required for the exercise. Full details will be published separately.

1053. Clothing Parades. Attention is directed to these parades which have been published in Part 1 Orders. It has been found that the parades are NOT parading in uniform numbers on these dates. Coy and platoon commanders are responsible for seeing that their personnel attend. It is their responsibility to see that as many volunteers attend as possible in accordance with the minimum given below. December 20—Signal Parade; December 20—Mortar Platoon; January 2—M.G. Platoon; January 3—B HQ; January 4—Stragglers 'A' Coy; January 5—Stragglers 'B' Coy; January 6—Stragglers 'C' Coy; Place of Parade—HQ 3.30 p.m.

1054. Range Shooting—'A' Coy, Tanjong Range will be allotted to 'A' Coy to practice for the rifle Meeting on Sunday next December 13, 1950. Parade—4.45 p.m. Forcemen—Dress—Overalls or plain clothes. All members of the gun teams who intend to be present will give their names and gun numbers to ASM White (Tel. No. 30233) on or before Friday December 29.

1055. Children's Party And All Banks Dance. Names of Volunteers, together with numbers of guests, who are attending the party on December 30, 1950 can still be handed to the Adjutant.

(sgd) A. M. DEXTER, Captain, for Deputy Commandant, H.K.D.F.

1. Rifle Meeting. The H.K.D.F. rifle Meeting will take place on January 20 and 21 on Kai Tak Range. Further information will be published in next week's orders.

2. Children's Party. All Volunteers of the H.K.N.F., H.K. Regt., I.K.A.F. & H.K.W.V.F. are invited to bring or send their children to party to be held on Saturday December 30 at the Drill Shed, Mayan Parade Ground, Drills prizes, Band. There will be no charge for admission. Names to be given by December 30. The Staff Captain will be followed.

Mr A. C. Scott concludes his extraordinary series on the Chinese classical drama with an essay, profusely illustrated, about the Chinese stage plot and its manner of presentation.

ENDLESS STRUGGLE

Dr Cheng Te-kun contributes a fascinating chapter in his review of Chinese civilisation with a description of the endless

struggle of the people of this valiant land against the relentless forces of nature.

What will probably be read with a great deal of interest is Dr Pattachit Sitaranayana's eloquent appraisal of India's approach to contemporary politics. The influence of Gandhi is unmistakable; his hold on the Indian mind is here graphically underlined.

An excellent condensation of the month's happenings in the Far East, and an impartial record of significant editorial opinion, complete January's issue of a magazine now well on its way to authoritative standing. —A.D.C.

Unlicensed

Printing Press

Ho Chi-wah, manager of the Hop Shing Printing Press, 21, Cheung Lok Street, ground floor, was fined \$500 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for a printing press without a licence.

The Police visited the house on December 12 and found two printing machines, one of which was in use. Defendant had a licence for storing the printing press but was not licensed for using it.

The prosecution told the Court that defendant had been warned twice before the summon was served.

Defendant asked the Court to reduce the penalty, but Mr Winter said there was no reason for making a reduction.

Consul-General Recognised

The Gazette today notified that Mr W. P. McConaughay has been recognised, provisionally and pending the issue of His Majesty's Exequatur, as Consul-General for the United States of America at Hongkong.

It was also announced that the King's Exequatur empowering Mr R. N. Clough to act as Consul for the United States of America at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

Recognition has also been extended to Max Mclester as Attaché to the Swiss Consulate at Hongkong.

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